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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Pre Patent Application of:  
Dominique P. BRIDON et al.

Application No.: 09/657,336

Art Unit: 1648

Filed: September 7, 2000

Examiner: J. Parkin

For: **LONG LASTING FUSION PEPTIDE  
INHIBITORS OF VIRAL INFECTION**

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated June 9, 2004, for which a response is due on September 9, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

Conclusion begin on page 13 of this paper.

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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 500862001500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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